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SUBJECT: PROGRAM FOR COMBATTING TERRORISM

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FOR : USIA AND STATE

1. IN JANUARY 1974, THE USIS LIBRARY WAS MOVED INTO A NEW LOCATION WITHIN THE BI-NATIONAL CENTER (BNC) UNDER A FIVE YEAR LEASE. WHILE THE RESULT OF THIS MOVE WILL BE A FAR MORE EFFICIENT USIS OPERATION, IT WILL ALSO CONCENTRATE A LARGE PORTION OF USIS CULTURAL RESOURCES IN ONE BUILDING AND WILL INCLUDE THE PRESENCE OF TWO AMERICAN USIS OFFICERS, NAMELY, THE DIRECTOR OF THE BNC AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE USIS LIBRARY-INFORMATION CENTER. THE

LIBRARY OCCUPIES THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE BNC AND IS LOCATED SO THAT IT IS THE FIRST AND MOST PROMINENT SIGHT SEEN UPON ENTERING THE MAIN DOORS OF THE BNC. THE UN-OBSTRUCTED DISTANCE FROM THE BNC GLASS MAIN DOORS AND THE LIBRARY FRONT GLASS WALLS IS FIFTEEN FEET.

2. ALTHOUGH NEITHER THE NBC NOR THE LIBRARY HAVE EVER BEEN THE SUBJECT OF AN ATTACK, THE COMBINATION OF BOTH IN ONE LOCATION DOES INCREASE THE POTENTIAL. AT THIS TIME, THE ARMY GENERAL COMMAND OCCUPIES THE BUILDING THAT ABUTS THE BNC AND THE BNC HAS BEEN A BENEFICIARY OF THE HIGH LEVEL OF SECURITY TAKEN FOR THE ARMY GENERAL COMMAND. HOWEVER, THE ARMY GENERAL COMMAND IS UNCLASSIFIED

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PLANNING TO MOVE OUT OF THIS LOCATION IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WHEN

THIS HAPPENS, THE LIBRARY AND THE BNC WILL FACE A GREATER RISK OF CASUAL TERRORIST ACTIVITY AND DEMONSTRATIONS.

3. THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE RSO AND HAVE THE CONCURRENCE OF THE CPAO. THE LIMITATIONS SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE REFERENCE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED. HOWEVER, THESE IMPROVEMENTS WHILE DESIGNED TO AFFORD INCREASED PROTECTION TO THE PVBRARY ARE MORE EFFECTIVE BY INSTALLING THEM SOME DISTANCE FROM THE IMMEDIATE LIBRARY SPACE. THIS IN EFFECT DOES INCREASE THE BNC SECURITY.

A. FACILITY PROTECTED - (1) USIS LIBRARY

(2) BNC

B. PERSON PROTECTED - (1) DIRECTOR, USIS LIBRARY-INFORMATION CENTER

(2) DIJRCTOR, BNC

C. EFFECTIVE DATE - JANUARY 1974

D. PROTECTION RECOMMENDED:

- 1) INSTALL ROLL-DOWN, OPEN GRILL, METAL SHUTTERS TO COVER THE BNC FRONT GLASS ENTRANCE DOORS. SHUTTERS TO BE BOTH ELECTRICALLY AND MANUALLY OPERABLE. ESTIMATED COST \$5,900.00.
- 2) INSTALL SECURITY LOCK AND REINFORCING DROP-BARS ON STEEL SERVICE DOOR. ESTIMATED COST \$200.00
- 3) ESTABLISH A GUARD POST AT THE LIBRARY MAIN ENTRANCE DURING THE HOURS THE BNC IS OPEN. ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST \$3,276.00.

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